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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 10806

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF NATIONAL CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

REF: A. PHNOM PENH 10762

B. PHNOM PENH 10670

1. SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON THE CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS BOTH ON THE POLICY AND IMPLEMENTING LEVELS.

2. THE CABINET APPROVED THE FREE RICE RATION FOR THE GENERAL RESERVES, AND THIS NEW INCENTIVE AELL BE ADDED TO THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN. (FANK COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ'S APPROVAL WAS OBTAINED, HOWEVER, ON THE CONDITION THAT FREE RICE ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE IN SPECIAL CASES TO TERRITORIAL TROOPS WHEN THEY ARE IN ACTUAL COMBAT ALONGSIDE GENERAL RESERVE UNITS, SUCH AS AT  
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KOMPONG CHAM. THIS POLICY WOULD NOT BE MADE PUBLIC. WE

AGREED PROVIDED THAT THIS AMOUNT OF RICE BE A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THAT ISSUED, THAT ISSUANCE BE RIGIDLY CONTROLLED AND THAT IT BE FINANCED WITHIN THE PRESENT DEFENSE BUDGET.)

3. PRESIDENT LON NOL TOLD THE CHARGE THIS MORNING THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT THE MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR AND DEFENSE TO CLARIFY THEIR PREVIOUS STATEMENT ON THE MODALITIES OF CONSCRIPTION (REF A) WITH A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ONLY EXAMINING BOARDS HAVE THE RIGHT TO GRANT DEFERRALS.

4. A VISIT TO FOUR KHANDS THIS MORNING REVEALED LOCAL OFFICIALS AT THAT LEVEL HARDLY WORK ON CONSCRIPTION. THEY SPECULATED, HOWEVER, THAT, DESPITE ADMONITIONS AND APPEALS, CHIEF OF THE TEN-HOUSE GENERAL MOBILIZATION UNITS WOULD NOT PRODUCE ACCURATE REGISTRATION LISTS AND THAT ONLY A FEW NEW NAMES WOULD BE ADDED. PHNOM PENH GOVERNOR UN TRAMUCH, WHOM WE FOUND ALSO VISITING KHAND CONSCRIPTION HEADQUARTERS, TOLD KHAND OFFICIALS IN AN EMBASSY OFFICER'S PRESENCE THAT INCOMPETENT CHIEFS AT LOWER ECHELONS MUST BE IMMEDIATELY REPLACED. IN ONE KHAND WE FOUND THE EXAMINING BOARD ALREADY IN SESSION.

5. THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE COMMITTED ITS FIRST MAJOR GAFFE WHEN IT ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT A 5,000 RIEL BONUS WOULD BE GIVEN TO ALL RECRUITS INSTEAD OF TO BONA FIDE STUDENTS ONLY. A CORRECTION IS BEING DISSEMINATED WIDELY TODAY.  
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